Quick With His Gun.

Unexpected Thing That Happened in a River Poker Game.

"It ain't no unusual thing for to have some totally unexpected thing happen on a river boat," said old Caleb Mix, the veteran barkeeper on the Mississippi river packet Natchez, "an' sometimes the on-expected is full-o' surprise fr all hands. I've knowed it to
be so when a biler bust in the old days,
right in the midst of a excitin race,
with the two boats side by side, an'
one on 'em a blame sight nearer the
bank than was any ways comfortable,
an' the other boat crowdin' her nigher
yet. Sich times they is usually considable excitement goin', an' a biler bustin' ain't cal-lated to soothe nobody's
feelin' none.

"Bilers don't bust nowadays likes"

"Bush with his other hand.
"Douglas made a grab for the pot,
an' Hopkins drawed his gun at the
same instant, but Taylor was too quick
for either of 'em. He shot Douglas
plump through the heart with his left
hand an' grabbed Hopkins' wrist with
his right, twistin' it so's 't Hopkins'
gun went off wild, hittin' nobody, as
luck would have it.

"Well, o' course, there were all sorts
o' confusion then, an' the cap'n come in
an 'took charge o' things. He put Taylor under arrest, as o' course, he had
to do, seein' he'd killed a man, but
they all hands examined the cards an'
Some were disappointed and all were sur-

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"Bilers don't bust nowadays likes they useter, though. I reckon, maybe, they build 'em better'n they did, for one thing, an' they don't use 'em the same, for another.

"Befo' the war there was racin' on the river pretty nigh all the time, an' twan't no usual thing for a cap'n to take all the chances they was to take, rather'n to see the other boat get ahad. I've heer'd stories of cap'rs that 'd burn up their cargoes, 'n set niggers on the safety valve, ruther'n he beat, but I never seed nothin' quite like that.

"There was excitement enough, an' bilers enough busted, without that, but I don't say it didn't happen. Some o' the river men them days was reckless chough to do 'most anything."

Identify a mondays likes to do, seein' he'd killed a man, but they all hands examined the cards an' seein' that Taylor had the winnin' hand the cap'n told him to scoop the pot, which he did.

"We landed Taylor at Helena, Ark. We landed Ta

"There was one trip the old Louisiana made from Memphis to New Orleans in the spring o' '61, though, that held the record for a good many years, an' so fur as I know, holds it yet. There were more devilment on board them few days than I ever seed afore or new board them few days than I ever seed afore or never here the trip feller that didn't have noth in' to do with it an' was sittin' in a chair across the room readin' a book never here the strength of the chances, but the third feller that didn't have noth in' to do with it an' was sittin' in a chair across the room readin' a book never here. ince inside of a month, an', looking never knowed what hit him, an' that ack at it now, I sin't surprised at did seem kind o' hard. His wife that nuthin' but the fact that the old boat was asleep in her cabin, took on pretty nished the trip on top o' the water. Pears like she'd oughter have struck a snag, or caught fire on the way, so's tol-able excitin them days." kind o' round things up like. But

demphis, on the main deck. The nig- Herbert L. Bridgman's Graphic Acwas troublesome, an' had been

You see, the war was comin' on, an fou see, the war was coming in, an here was any God's quantity of Abotionists tryin' to stir 'em up. We ept a lookout for 'em as well as we ould, an' when we'd catch one it 'd be

as he seen it he jumped in, an' ten min-nutes later every live nigger on board from Fort Conger, March 31, 1900; an-

"Then there was a game o' poker started in the saloon after supper the first night that finished up in the saloon after supper the

started in the saloon after supper the first night that finished up in as fine a mix-up as I ever see There was a couple o' New Orleans sports that had come up with us on the last trip look-

pullin' a knife fr'm his boot he druv presence, was also told, and the nar- Drug company,

it through the cards into the table. "'I reckon them cards 'd better la where they are, till we settle this bet he said, an' while he was sayin' it he drawed his gan with his other hand.

stick, an' four or five others made a rush for him to throw him overboard. The Lord only knows what they expected to do next, but they warn't no next.

"A little fellow from Texas stood on the uppy deck that was a crack shot, an' he had his gun out an' shot three of 'em dead in their tracks afore the original to the American Geographical society early in is97, approved by a special committee, and in 1898 Mr. Peary left the United States to undertake the achievement of his purpose. The Diana in 1899 effected a junction with him at Etah. North Greeniand, bringing reports of his first year's work, but from the deal of the lost, "don't you like strawberries?" "Yes," responded Field, "but I'm afraid the host, "don't you like strawberries?" "Yes," responded Field, "but I'm afraid the host, "don't you like strawberries?" in the host, "don't you like strawberries?" The Diana in 1899 effected a junction with him at Etah. North Greeniand, bringing reports of his first year's work, but from the don't you like strawberries?"

In closing Mr. Wilson said: "Eugene Field as I knew him was a man of infinite tenderness, and the world is better for his having in the pole was ûrst submitted to the American Geographical society early in the host, "don't you like strawberries?"

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"We left that crev in the Memphis calaboose an' started with a new one the same evenin. The mate was only stunned, not killed, an' he made it mighty pleasant for them other niggers for three or four days.

"Then there was a game o' taker.

via Godhaven and Upernavik, Cape "They found it, too, for they was playin' all the way up the river with some roung bucks that had more money than they had knowledge of the money than they had knowledge of the gome, an' they made consid'able more'n exp. asses, besides what they did in Memphis, which I heard tell was fair. "They'd started a game with a couple o' planers f'm Mississippl, an' after they'd played a spell a little sawed-off cust from Cairo, he said he was, reckned he'd take a hand if there warn't no objections, which there warn't none, and he bought a stack. He had good hands, too, right f'm the jump, an' twarn't more'n half an hour or so after the good.

"I recken it were straight play"

found the Windward with Mrs. Peary, who has tried to cure Mr. Spurgeon's tendencies to sensationalism, inquired of him if he hat, really told his conthe each the self and extricated herself and crossed over to Inglefield gulf, where during July 125 walrus were captured. Then the story of Mr. Peary's great which a deal extricated herself and crossed over to Inglefield gulf, where during July 125 walrus were captured. Then the story of Mr. Peary's great work in the story of Mr. Peary's great which a thief got into heave during the entire winter, and only a month before Lad extricated herself and crossed over to Inglefield gulf, where during July 125 walrus were captured. Then the story of Mr. Peary's great which have a straight play to send the western side of Smith sound during the entire winter, and only a month before Lad extricated herself and crossed over to Inglefield gulf, where during July 125 walrus were captured. Then the story of Mr. Peary's great where of the story of Mr. Peary's great where the story of Mr. Peary's great where a straight play the entire winter, and only a month before Lad extricated herself and crossed over to Inglefield gulf, where the story of Mr. Peary's great where the story of Mr. Pear blands, too, right fm the jump, and twarp the more half an hour or so attore to four hundred to the period of the

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of a Charity.

(New York Commercial Advertiser.)

Persons who have seen Francis Wilson's grotesque figure and nexible tace over the footlights and heard his droll sayings at the Knickerbocker theatre, went to the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday alternoon with conflicting emotions to hear the actor, talk about Eugene Field, the poet. Some were disappointed and all were surprised to see a scholarly looking, clean-shaven little man clad in conventional frock coat. There was nothing theatrical about Mr. Wilson's appearance, and his hearers soon learned that Francis Wilson, the actor, and Francis Wilson, the lecturer, are very different impersonations of the same man.

chough to do 'most anything.

"Whatever warn't likely to happen on a trip up an' down the river gen'y did happen, whether it were a improper deck or a fire on board. You never knowed whether it would be you or the other feller that wouldn't finish the trip alive, an' whatever else you might miss on a packet ride, you warn't likely to miss excitement.

"There was one trip the old Louisian made f'om Memphis to New Orleans in the spring o' 'fil, though, that held the record for a good many years, and the saloon that laid out three men, one o' whom didn't have nothin' the wood out three men, one o' whom didn't have nothin' to do with the game.

"Peared like there was three play-in' an' one was caught palmin' a card. Them things meant shoot in the minute in them days, an' the feller that caught him both blazed away an' both got badly wounded. One of 'em died two days after, an' the other was laid up for a month' at Vicksburg, where we landed him, "Nobody eared much about that, for two men thet went shootin' was reck-inched and a dream the night become record for a good many years, and the chances, but the little fathers. "His songs about boys are natietic enough to bring honest tears to the eyes of even dishonest politicians."

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"Travelin' on the old Mississippi were tol-able excitin' them days."

PEARY AND THE NORTH POLE.

Herbert L. Bridgman's Graphic Account of Explorer's Progress.

(Brooklyn Eagle.)

Herbert L. Bridgman, who has made several trips into the Arctic regions as a friend and fellow traveler with Lieutenant Feary in the latter's search for the North yells like the pick of Field's influence and perturbed and roared.

Herbert L. Bridgman accent:

"Ladies and Gentlemens—I am very mooth sorry dat I haf a very bad cold by der head and am unable to speech, but it gives me very mooth happiness to introduce mine old but clever freund, Eugene Field, who will now address you." The audience was puzzled and Mr. Schurz so amused that it took him several minutes to compose himself before he could speak. Then the audience saw the joke and roared.

litionists tryin' to stir 'em up. We kept a lookout for 'em as well as we could, an' when we'd catch one it 'd be all day with him, but every one we'd hang, or throw overboard, 'd seem to leave two in his place.

"Somehow they'd get hold o' the roustabouts on the Louisiana, while we was a loadin' up at Memphis, an' the crazy fools got it into their heads that they c'd seize the boat an' run her ur north, wher they'd stand a chance o' goin' free. 'Course they had as good a chanct as a bag o feathers in a blast furnace, but they tried it.

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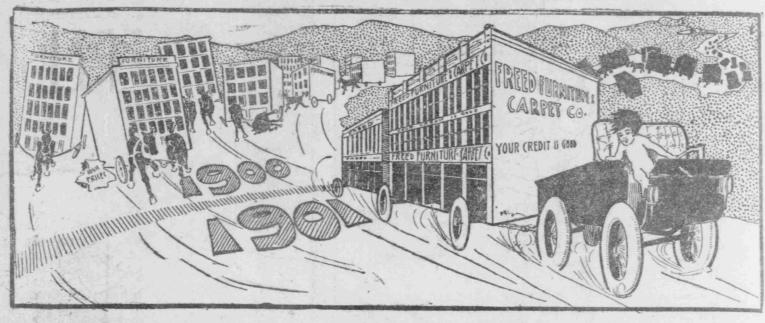
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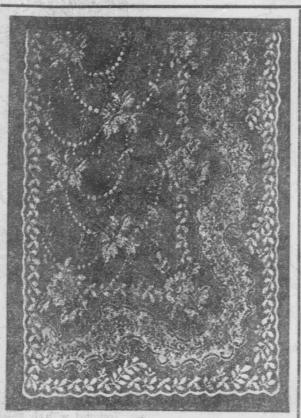
"That's all I have, gentlemen,' he said, throwing it on the table, 'an' I call for a show."

"O' course, that blocked the seesaw, and it were a nervy thing to do, for it sure did look as if the two pair, queens up, which he laid on the table was no good, an' they started a game o' talk tryin' to make some confusion while Douglas tried to sneak a card out o' the deck to make three of a kind, but Taylor he were quicker'n him, an' pullin' a knife fr'm his boot he draw

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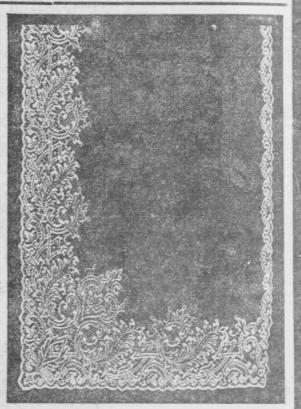
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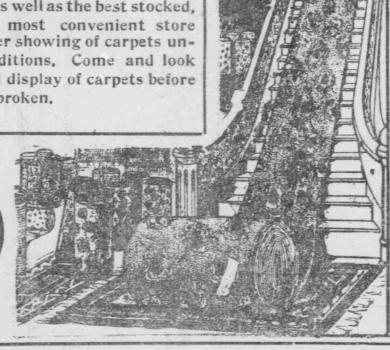
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